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FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST

Verdi lived long enough to enjoy to the full the honors and emoluments justly due to a man who had so enriched the world by the products of his genius. His fortune was estimated at not less than \$3,000,000. The opera which was most profitable to the composer was "Aida," from which he had drawn, from the date of its composition to the beginning of this year, as his share of the profits, 4,000,000 lire. Then in order of value came "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," "Traviata," "Otello," and "Falstaff."

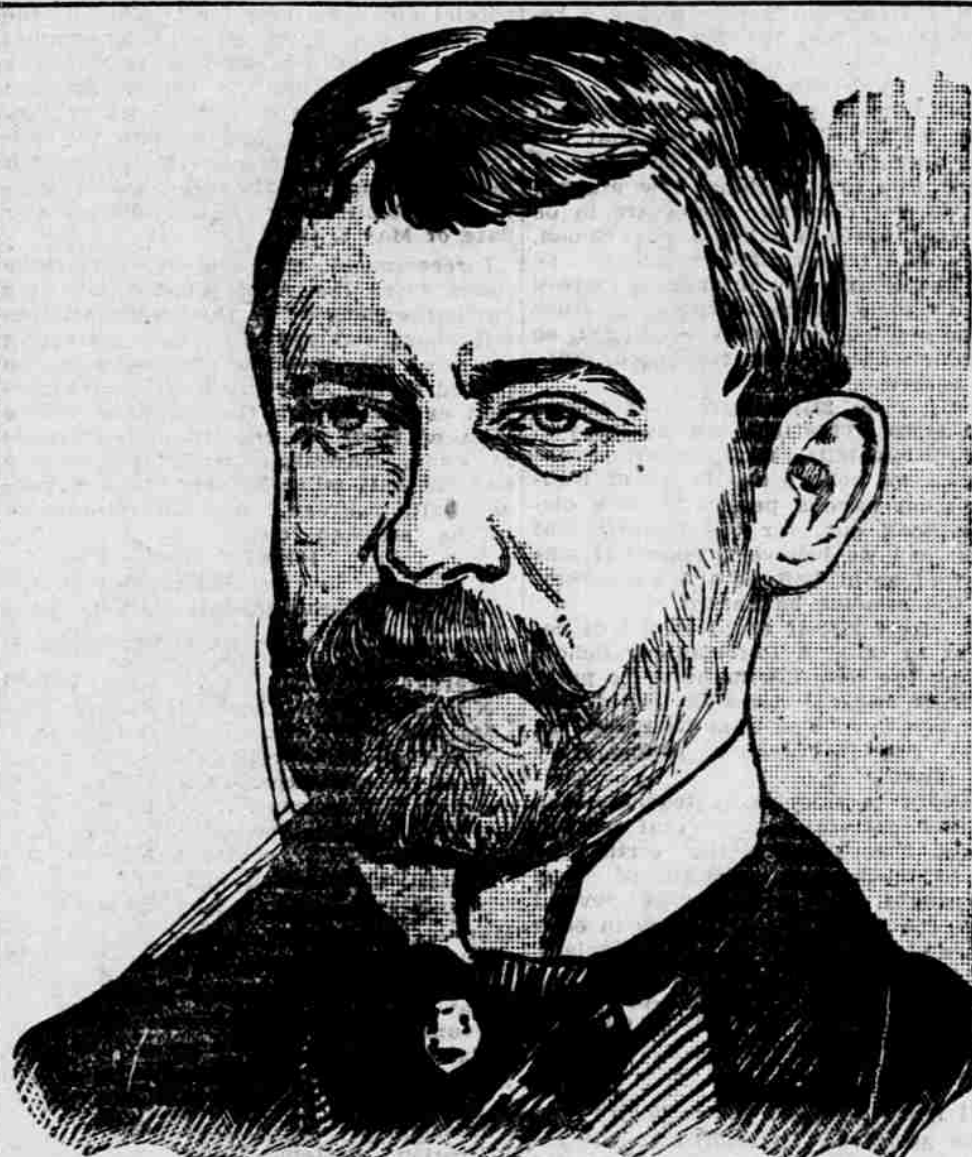
Among the city statutes of Milan, Italy, there is, it appears, one which prohibits all kisses or other amatory demonstrations in public places, as being contrary to public morals. It is not a dead letter either, as was shown by a case in a Milan police court the other day. A pair of perfectly respectable lovers were haled before the tribunal for merely exchanging an embrace in a quiet corner of the park, when they thought nobody was looking. Upon this case the magistrate adjudged that though kissing under such circumstances could not be considered contrary to morals, it was not consistent with the ideals of advanced civilization as to decorum. A fine of twelve shillings was inflicted.

German military correspondents speak very highly of a new ration which has been tried during the recent maneuvers of the Austrian troops in Galicia. Owing to the nature of the country, and the extensive area covered during the exercises, it became necessary to provide the troops with some portable food which could be prepared in a very short time, or even eaten without preparation. Various forms of nutriment were tried, but the one which gained most favor was a so-called "chocolate ration." This was invented by a doctor, and consists of ordinary chocolate with an admixture of albumen and certain fatty matter. In a few minutes this can be cooked either in milk or water and eaten as it is.

The Irish Nationalists do not propose that their efforts to revive the Erse language shall be suppressed by a veto of Speaker Gully, of the House of Commons. Mr. J. P. Boland, a member from County Kerry, Ireland, is quoted as saying that he looks forward "to a great renaissance of Erse which will attach Ireland more deeply to her national customs and institutions, and will prevent that growing Anglicizing of our country which we all deplore. We look forward to a time when Ireland will possess a new drama and literature of her own in Erse, a key which will also open the glorious treasures of a great literary past."

A sensation has been created in Spain by a young man named Tancredo Lopez, who tames the wildest bulls by the power of his eye. Dressed in white, the King of Valor, as he is called, takes his stand in the middle of the arena, where, erect, motionless, and with crossed arms, he awaits the attack of the bull which, with lowered horns, rushes toward him. It is a moment of terrible emotion. Everybody expects to see the poor youth launched into space, but when the bull comes up to him it stops short, smells him, and then turns its back on him and moves off. Tancredo, until a short time ago, was only a poor and humble shoemaker. He now receives \$200 for each performance.

Loud protests are being made by health experts and representatives of the working classes in Germany against the meat inspection law passed a year ago, which absolutely forbids the importation of American corned



RECIPROCITY COMMISSIONER JOHN A. KASSON.

He has tendered his resignation to the president because there is nothing more for him to do at present.

beef, sausages, etc. The protests would doubtless be louder were it not for the repressive influence of the German laws. A professor of hygiene in the University of Halle, Dr. Karl Frankel, has had the courage to declare that the meat inspection law was nothing more than a cloak, faded and worn, hung over the agrarian idol. He asserted that he spoke in the interests of national hygiene, and showed that while the government had declared that the passage of the law was required in the interest of public health, nothing suffered more from the passage of said law than did the public health of the nation. A more weighty objection even than this was that the manager of a German factory who investigated the increase of expense to the people for meat since the passage of the new law, and came to the conclusion that every consumer at his factory must pay 20 per cent more than he formerly did. This increase, in a country where scanty wages are the rule, is a very serious matter. The trade in American canned meats in Germany formerly amounted to from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 per annum.

Among the scientific industries in which the Germans excel is that of lens-making, although the record for large lenses is held by the Americans. The demand for lenses for astronomical, microscopical, photographic and other purposes is increasing at a remarkable rate, and the technical skill of the Kaiser's subjects has developed a business of great importance. The oldest factory, that of Voigtlander & Sohn in the city of Brunswick, was established in 1756. It now employs 216 hands, with 15 technically trained foremen, and its products are known to all photographers.

Prosperity is the test of man; penury of woman.

BETTER IF HE HAD.

Coming home rather late one night, old Jones discovered a country bumpkin with a lantern standing by the kitchen door.
"Young man," said he, "what are you doing here?"
"I've come a-courting, sur."
"A-courting? What do you mean?"
"Well, I'm a follower of Mary, the kitchen-maid, sur."
"Do you usually carry a lantern when you are on such errands?" asked the old man, sarcastically.
"Yes, sur, alays."
"Don't tell me such nonsense. You had better be off quickly—courting with a lantern, indeed. In my young days I never used such a thing."
"No, sur," replied the bumpkin, sidling off, "judging by yer missus, I shouldn't think yer did."

THE SAME NOW.

"Did yo' notice," asked Deacon Willis Hainkoop of the Rev. Horace Hoodoo, "dat Balaam didn't see de sperut, but de ass did? How does yo' 'count fo' dat?"
"Dar aint' nuffin' remarkable in dat," responded the dark oracle. "It's jes' de same nowadays—it's mos'ly de asses whad sees de speruts. Bettah jine a circle an' see fo' yo'self."

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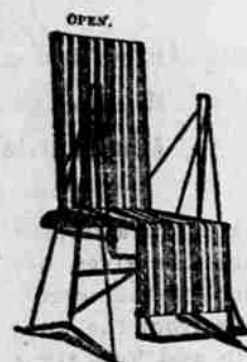
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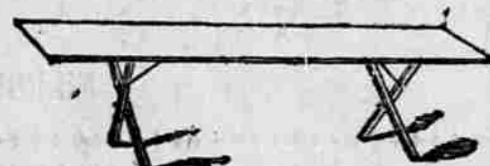
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